Remarks

Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. Section 121

Restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 has been required for either of Group I, claims 1 through 6, and Group II, claims 7 through 15.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1 through 6.

Claim Amendments

Claims 7 through 15 have been cancelled due to the restriction requirement. Applicants reserve the right to resubmit claims 7 through 15 at a later date.

New claims 16 through 21 have been added to better define what Applicants regard as the invention.

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